

Town Planning/Building Committee for Salem School Renovation
June 23, 2009
Salem School Teacher's Lounge
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Dinis Pimentel, Donald Bourdeau, Monica McIntyre, Jim Choquette, Donna Leake, Jenifer Lee, Richard Asafaylo, Bill Weinschenker, Stuart Gadbois, Chris LaRose (arrived at 7:14 P.M.)

ABSENT: Horace Lindo, Mike Siebert, Kevin Lyden

GUESTS: Charles Boos, KBA

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Dinis Pimentel, Chairman.

The committee added item 3a. to the agenda: Discuss updates on design concept. The committee voted: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0 to approve the agenda as amended.

M/S/C (Asafaylo/Gadbois) to approve the June 2, 2009 minutes as presented. Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Abstain-2 (M. McIntyre and R. Asafaylo).

D. Pimentel and C. Boos discussed e-mails from David Wedge, DOE Bureau of School Facilities, about how to budget the project. The first e-mail response was not very optimistic, but C. Boos spoke with D. Wedge again and received a better response.

C. Boos handed out updated design plans and presented the changes. Accommodations were made in the design to provide for a stage. The area will have a dual use by serving as the middle school music room with a set of folding doors closing the space from the adjacent gym. This approach was used in KBA's Griswold design. The general feedback from citizens is that taking away the Town's only stage is undesirable.

With the revision in plans, the committee discussed the difference in space of the classrooms, related services, maintenance and admin from existing to new. Further discussion considered the still net gain of admin space. The purpose of this gain is to provide the improved security of the building by moving the inward flow of public during the school day through the main office.

J. Lee addressed concerns brought up to her about one toilet in the special needs classrooms. C. Boos said the classrooms are big enough to fit two toilets.

The committee reviewed and discussed the updated plans. J. Lee asked C. Boos about how the elementary and middle school teacher's meetings went, and he answered that they both went well. There were many comments, but they mostly consisted of the desire for improved toilet facilities, more storage, air conditioning and windows that operate.

M/S/C (LaRose/McIntyre) to approve the proposed concept plan from June 23, 2009. Vote: Yes-8 No-0 Abstain-0.

Agenda item 4. was tabled to the next meeting.

Next meeting is July 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Salem School.

M/S/C (Weinschenker/Gadbois) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsay K. Chester

Recording Secretary